

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Administrator Bozzelli presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Freeholders Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton via remote access (4)
Freeholder Desiderio-present (1)

STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR

“This is a notice read pursuant to the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act.” At least 48 hours advance notice of this meeting has been provided by posting of the same in writing on the bulletin boards in the County Administration Building, and the County Clerk’s Office and mailing a copy of the notice to the Cape May County Herald and the Atlantic City Press and filing the same with the County Clerk, all being done on Friday, April 3, 2020.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder General Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 04/14/20 MEETING
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Pierson seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton	X					

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Bob Church informed that the grant allocation had been received for the Local Bridges Future Needs. The county received \$1.1 million for the Great Channel Bridge Superstructure and Fender Improvements. The Upper Thorofare Bridge Substructure Improvements had been awarded \$770,000.

The Ingrams Thorofare Bridge was just about complete with Stage 1. On Friday, they would begin removing the barrier curb completely plus have the roadway and bridge restriped by the end of next week. Stage 2 would be held off until September.

The final paving of the Gateway Project was anticipated for two weeks out. The concrete crew was on scene yesterday, doing some of the infill areas. A lot of what remains was landscaping and traffic signal and electrical work at the pump station.

The Woodbine Roundabout saw construction start yesterday. Utility relocations had held up operations for a few weeks.

Corson’s Tavern Road, Phase II was expected to begin in a few weeks.

A few weeks back, the engineer had requested a notice of deviation from the United States Coast Guard for the Great Channel Bridge. The problem was lack of bridge operators, as they were seasonal employees. He had received notice back from the Coast Guard which would allow the County to operate the bridge from May through October with a two hour call out. So, if someone wanted to cross the channel, they

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would call in advance and an operator would be dispatched for the opening. No seasonal operators would need to be hired for the bridge.

The Emergency Structure Repairs on the 96th Street Bridge would begin mid-May, he reported. In conjunction with that they would be installing traffic calming improvements on the west approach. Both Stone Harbor and Middle Township would have to give consent for the speed bumps. They were trying to work it so both things could be completed at the same time, at night, under full closure of the road.

Freeholder Pierson asked if the pumps were already installed and working in Wildwood at the Gateway Project.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: He acknowledged Freeholder Desiderio for being co-chair of the Recovery Task Force with him. It was a complex project but they were getting many good recommendations and information to work with he stated. They were engaged regionally and hoped by being a support, it would help ease the anxiety and concern felt by many of the small businesses. Joe Molineaux was brought on at the perfect time. The effort was going well from his perspective he further stated.

Freeholder Pierson asked when the entire board would have a chance to discuss the recommendations of the Recovery Task Force. He suggested Beth set up a meeting. Freeholder Desiderio felt they should wait until everything was finalized, so there wouldn't be a lot of back and forth within the groups.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson reported he had sent out the updated actions list to fellow board members earlier today. He asked everyone to note, under the section entitled working area, that Beth was working on the plan to re-open county government also. Today during the Task Force Meeting that had been announced. We're moving forward in that area and looking forward to the input, he stated.

He informed that they were getting close to finishing up the paperwork for the Coast Guard Community Recertification. There were a few last items to be added to the package before submitting it to the Coast Guard Community Foundation and the Board for final approval before mailing it out.

He read a statement related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Res. No. 304-20 which declared May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Cape May County.

3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Ms. Hayes thanked all the departments, employees and directors for doing a phenomenal job throughout the crisis. She also gave a shout out to all the teachers, pulling double duty with their kids at home and teaching their classroom students at the same time.

4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio thanked Freeholder Morey for his leadership and hard work with the task force. The Task Force Recovery Committee had been quickly assembled and called on to have impromptu meetings two or three times a day, since its inception he explained. There were 21 members, and all were present for each discussion. Some of the meetings were with all the mayors, and some were with smaller groups of individuals, with everyone providing good input. Once the plan was finalized it would be sent up to Governor Murphy right away. Many people were hurting out there, looking for answers and solutions. Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and Freeholder Frank Formica had been asked to partner with Cape May County. A resolution would be required once the reopen plan was agreed upon by all. Mr. Desiderio recognized and thanked Michael Donohue for his presence on the committee. He acknowledged Diane Wieland as well.

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5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Mr. Thornton thanked and recognized his colleagues, all the county employees, Beth Bozzelli, first responders, nurses, doctors and the hospitals. He also acknowledged the residents for doing their part, following guidelines and staying home.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 294-20 Resolution appointing Dennis Roberts and Jeffrey DeVico to the Pollution Control Financing Authority.
(This Resolution authorizes the appointments of Dennis Roberts and Jeffrey DeVico to the Pollution Control Financing Authority. Term to expire 02/01/25.)
- 295-20 Resolution authorizing renewal with Starr Indemnity & Liability Company for Helicopter Liability and Hull Coverage including Owned and Non-Owned Drone Liability in the total amount of \$73,024.53.
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Helicopter Liability and Hull Coverage with Starr Indemnity & Liability Company for the term of April 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021.)
- 296-20 Resolution authorizing second amendment to Communications License Agreement between IWG Towers Assets I, LLC and County of Cape May OEM to install additional radio communications equipment.
(This Resolution authorizes the County Office of Emergency Management to place additional radio communications equipment on a 270' tower owned by IWG Towers for a monthly fee of \$385.00.)
- 297-20 Resolution authorizing one-year Advertisement Agreement with Effectv for Department of Tourism and various departments in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.
(This Resolution authorizes a one-year Agreement with Effectv (formerly Comcast Spotlight) for County promotion and advertising for various departments commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(k).)
- 298-20 Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement between the County of Cape May, the Cape May County Sheriff and the Cape May County Sheriff's Office Superior Officers, Police Benevolent Association (PBA) #59.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Cape May County Sheriff's Office Superior Officers, PBA #59, covering the Captain and Lieutenants in the Office of the Cape May County Sheriff, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024.)
- 299-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May, the Cape May County Prosecutor and the Police Benevolent Association, Local 401.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Benevolent Association, Local 401, covering Captains and Lieutenants, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.)
- 300-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety NJ CARES for SFY 2019 Operation Helping Hand Grant No. FYOHH-4-2019 for period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 in the amount of \$62,500.00.
(This Resolution authorizes the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office to participate in a State Grant No. FYOHH-4-2019 and accepts State funds for Operation Helping Hand.)
- 301-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for SFY 2019 Helping Hand Grant No. FYOHH-4-2019 in the amount of \$62,500.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$62,500.00 for SFY19 Operation Helping Hand Grant.)

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302-20 Resolution appointing members to the Cape May County Business Recovery Task Force.

(This Resolution creates the Cape May County Business Recovery Task Force to assist the County of Cape May with its economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

INTRODUCED BY MR. PIERSON, SECONDED BY MR. MOREY

303-20 Resolution granting and amending various Leaves of Absence to County Employees.

(This Resolution authorizes County Employees to be placed on a Leave of Absence in accordance with the County Leave of Absence Policy and the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).)

304-20 Resolution declaring the month of May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Cape May County.

(This Resolution declares the month of May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Cape May County.)

305-20 Resolution authorizing Agreements between County of Cape May and Various Agencies.

(This Resolution authorizes Intra-Agency Agreement between the Division of Aging and Disability Services and various agencies, funded through the Area Plan Grant, for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021.)

306-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Health Department/Mosquito Control)

(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

307-20 Resolution accepting a renewal Agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2008 Shelter + Care Project through the FY2019 Continuum of Care Grant No. NJ0181L2F031906 for the period May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$55,796.00.

(This Resolution accepts funds for 2008 Shelter + Care Project NJ0181L2F031906 to continue and expand support to the FY19 Continuum of Care by maximizing efforts and leveraging resources in order to prevent and end homeless for the period 5/1/20 through 4/30/21 in the amount of \$55,796.00.)

308-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for FY2019 Continuum of Care Grant in the amount of \$55,796.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of 55,796.00 for FY2019 Continuum of Care Grant.)

309-20 Resolution approving the monthly disbursements from the Department of Human Services for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts.

(This Resolution accepts and approves the monthly disbursements for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts as submitted by the fiscal Department of Human Services.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X					X
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Thornton	X					

INTRODUCED BY MS. HAYES, SECONDED BY MR. DESIDERIO

- 310-20 Resolution supplementing the 2020 Salary Resolution and approving appointments and salaries.
 (This Resolution authorizes the hiring of new County employees, temporary assignment pay, salary changes or corrections, title changes and promotions of County employees when applicable.)
- 311-20 Resolution authorizing extension of Contract No. 166-13 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$92,150.00.
 (This Resolution extends Contract No. 166-13 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. for maintenance, support and upgrades for proprietary hardware and software through July 31, 2022 in the amount of \$92,150.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(l).)
- 312-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on April 28, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible or as practicable.
 Matters falling within attorney-client privilege, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) and pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).
 (This Resolution authorizes the Board of Chosen Freeholders to conduct a meeting excluding the public at the stated time in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1, et seq.)
- 313-20 Resolution authorizing Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance applicable to 5310 and 5311 Programs.
 (This Resolution is affirmed by County Counsel of the applicant's legal authority to certify compliance with said fiscal year's FTA funding assistance requirements applicable to 5310 and 5311 Programs.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					X
Ms. Hayes	X				X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

- 314-20 Resolution authorizing Urban Engineers, Inc. to Provide Professional General Engineering Services for the Corson's Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements, Phase II, Project, Townships of Dennis and Upper in the Amount of \$18,500.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide professional general engineering services associated with plan revisions for Corson's Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements, Phase II, Townships of Dennis and Upper. Said revisions will eliminate the need to relocate aerial utilities providing an overall benefit to the County. Urban Engineers, Inc. is one of the consultants in the professional general engineering pool of consultants established by the Fair and Open Process.)
- 315-20 Resolution amending Resolution No. 169-20 granting permission to the Borough of West Cape May to Close Myrtle Avenue (CR606) on Saturday, June 6, 2020 for their Annual Strawberry Festival.
 (This Resolution modifies Resolution No. 169-20 to change the annual Strawberry Festival date from Saturday, June 6, 2020 to Saturday, June 27, 2020.)
- 316-20 Resolution amending Resolution No. 171-20 authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with DelMoSports, LLC for its Escape the Cape Triathlon on June 14, 2020.
 (This Resolution modifies Resolution No. 171-20 to change the date of the Escape the Cape Triathlon from Sunday, June 14, 2020 to Sunday, August 30, 2020.)

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Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton	X					

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURN: 5:16 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

APPROVED

DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

ADMINISTRATOR